

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Abstract

PENSION—MINIMUM PENSION—ADMISSIBILITY OF MINIMU PENSION IN
CASES WHERE REDUCTION IN PENSION IS ORDERED AS A PENALTY
CLARIFICATION—ORDERED ISSUED.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

G.O. (P) 255/71/Fin.

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Read:- Letter No. PRI/Gen1./6-44/70-71/632 dated 24-2-1971 from the Controller of
Accounts.

O R D E R

The Rules on pension provide for the reduction in pension of an officer when his service is not found to be thoroughly satisfactory. Government have prescribed from time to time minimum pension and temporary increase in pension. The rule is that when the pension amount, a person is eligible for, is below the minimum prescribed, temporary increases would be enhanced to make up the minimum. At a time when the minimum pension was Rs.20 only, the Controller of Accounts referred to Government whether the minimum pension would be affected when the pension of an officer is ordered to be reduced. Government it then clarified that as reduction in such cases is ordered in pension and the minimum is made up of temporary increase, the reduction in pension will not affect the minimum. In effect, therefore, a person whose pension is reduced, will get the amount of minimum pension, irrespective of the reduction.

The Controller of Accounts in his letter read above has suggested that the above clarification requires revision in view of the fact that the minimum pension has been increased from time to time and the minimum pension now allowed is Rs.45 p.m. He has further suggested that, if Government do not propose to revise their earlier decision, it may induce certain category of Government employees to commit irregularities in their official career without any fear of punishment being meted out in the form of reduction in pension.

Government have considered all the aspects of the question and they do not subscribe to the above view. Minimum pension is fixed in consideration of the bare subsistence needs and giving a delinquent officer a pension sufficient to maintain a substance level, will not be misplaced leniency. Government are, therefore, pleased to order that minimum pension will be admissible even in cases where pension is ordered to be reduced as a punishment.

By order of the Governor,
P.SUBBIAH PILLAY,
Under Secretary.

To

The Controller of Accounts.
All Heads of Departments and Offices
The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission (with C.L.)
The District Recruitment Boards (with C.L.)
The Registrar, High Court (with C.L.)
The Registrar, University of Kerala (with C.L.)
The General Manager, University of Kerala State Road Transport
Corporation (with C.L.)
The Secretary, Kerala State Electricity Board (with C.L.)
The Secretary Vigilance Commission (with C.L.)
The Advocate General (with C.L.)
All Departments and Sections of the Secretariat.
The Private Secretaries to all Ministers and Chief Minister.
The Stenographer to the Chief Secretary and the Secretary to the Governor.